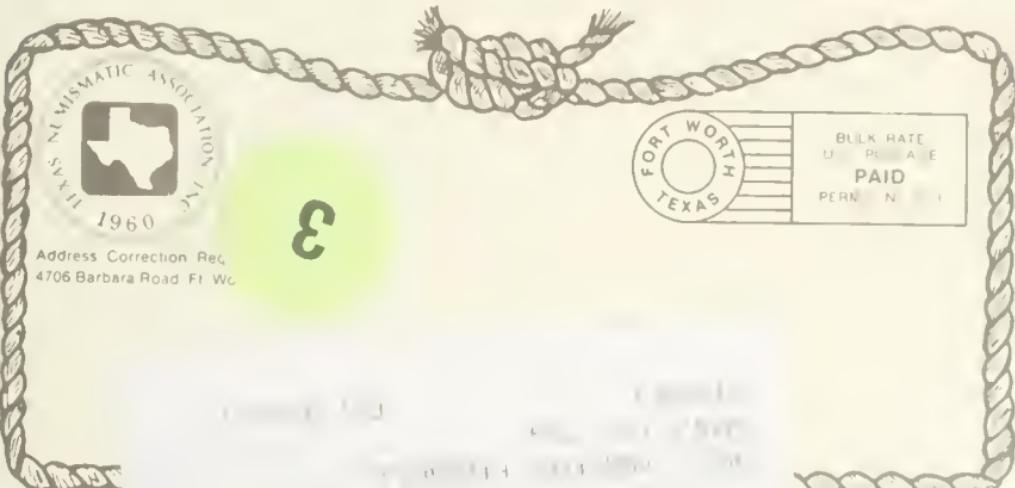


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Fellow members — Here's a report which should be of interest to a fair number of TNA members and other collectors who reside in the San Antonio area. About 18 years ago the San Antonio Coin Club disbanded due to poor attendance and relatively little interest among the then members. At the time of disbanding there was \$735.00 in the treasury and these funds were entrusted to the late Frank J. Vilagi who had served the club many times as president and had always been supportive of all club activities. Few knew that the funds were invested by Frank and that shortly before his death, in June 1984, he was planning to close the fund account and donate the money to the San Antonio Public Library. This was not accomplished before his death. However, Marina, Frank's wife, in going through some of Frank's papers came across a reference to Frank's plans for making the donation. Marina carried through and the original \$735.00 had, as of October 1987, grown to \$2,028.56 and has been donated to the San Antonio Public Library for use in purchasing numismatic reference material. Having known Frank rather well for a number of years and also having been a member as well

as an officer of the San Antonio Coin Club I was especially pleased to learn of the final disposition of these funds. Bless Frank. He will be long remembered.

If you have not read page 15 of the December 1987 TNA NEWS, please go back and do so and familiarize yourself with the new TNA Bronze Medal Project developed by your medals officer, Frank Galindo, for junior TNA members. Frank reported that he already has some responses to his article. Those of you who have junior TNA members in your households, club officials and most especially, district governors, get this project going in your districts and clubs. This is a very worthwhile project and one which merits your attention. Let's work to get more youngsters involved in numismatics. It could become a life long interest with them and is certainly a welcome alternative to some of the things youngsters get involved in sometimes. Thank you, Frank, for developing this program.

Don't forget that your annual convention, to be held in Houston this year, is just a bit over two months away. I hope that many of you will be able to attend.

See ya' next month.



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February 14, 1988

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE COINS OF OUR COUNTRY

Bernard Loeb
Houston, Texas

For the past several years a subject of great interest to the public, but more so for the coin collector has been the clamor for changes in designs, sizes and material for our present day coinage. Tagging along with these ideas are two other controversial gems. Should we phase out the lowly dollar bill by issuing a gold colored \$1 coin, a la recently issued Canadian gold tone dollar coin affectionately called the "Looney." Secondly, should our penny (officially called a cent) be eliminated from today's assortment of coins.

Perhaps some of you can remember the fiasco of the Susan B. Anthony (hereafter noted as SBA's) dollar. Not only did the public reject them and the vending machine industry refuse them, but the Treasury Department was left with egg on its face, which is still there since approximately 450 million of these quarter size beauties still repose in the Federal vaults with no practical solution for their use.

Certainly other countries have modified, eliminated and otherwise changed the make-up of their minted coins. While sufficient time has not elapsed to properly evaluate the success of the new Canadian dollar coin, late reports indicate that it is being well received by the Canadian public. Since the Royal Canadian Mint took into consideration the reasons for the rejection of the SBA in the United States, they gave their coin a highly visible golden color and a larger size than their circulating 25¢ piece.

The most compelling reason for a U.S. dollar coin in ECONOMICS. The life of a dollar coin is more than 15 times that of the paper dollar and the manufacturing process is substantially lower for the metallic coin.

The Treasury Department through the Bureau of Engraving and Printing must print millions of dollar bills each year and then spend millions of dollars more each year shredding and destroying the worn out dirty bills sent to them for destruction.

The legislation to legalize the minting of another dollar coin has been put on hold until some very pertinent questions have been answered to the satisfaction of the Senate Banking Committee. A full report has been requested by them to be delivered no later than June 30, 1988.

Perhaps the issue that will cause the greatest uproar will be, "Whose portrait shall adorn the obverse of this proposed coin?" Many feel that the familiar faces of presidents, or former great leaders, should be eliminated. They say to use symbols that reflect the newer generation and the vast changes that have taken place in our nation the past 50 years.

The clamor for changes in our coinage not only calls for design changes, but sizes and denominational changes, also. Many say the one cent piece should be eliminated since it sees very limited use in most parts of our country. These are all problems and questions that must

be considered, and resolved, by the various governmental entities who control the minting of our coins. One thing is certain — the public will have quite a bit of input into any decisions that are made. The one thing that will most certainly become a reality is that changes in our monetary system are eminent. The pressure for these changes is coming from high level sectors, both private and official.

According to recent articles in various media, the great majority feel that design changes are necessary and desirable. One of the guiding forces toward this end is the energetic U.S. Commissioner of Fine Arts, Dianne Wolf. She has traveled the country in the past year or so appearing on television and radio shows, bringing to the attention of the American people, the need for the passage of the H.R. 3314 Bill. Many Senators and Congressmen are now actively supporting this Bill. The flood of letters and phone calls has convinced them that the public does want to see design changes on their coins. Since the one cent piece has seen the Lincoln profile for 79 years, the 25¢ piece has 56 years of Washington, 50 years of Thomas Jefferson and 42 with the well-known FDR. It is now time for a change of scenery. Even Daniel Boone has been suggested as the ideal figure to adorn our one cent piece.

As for the complete elimination of the "penny" from our pocket change, stand back for the stampede of letters and opinions, both pro and con. Many say the one cent coin serves no useful purpose in today's higher cost. All too often the cent is only used once or twice and then put to rest in a "piggy bank" or

dresser drawer. The reality of buying anything for one cent has passed, and the argument that it must be retained for the added tax on purchased items can be circumvented by rounding off to the nearest multiple of five cents.

Speaking of the nickel, many think it should be re-designed, made smaller and of the clad type material. Our 10 cent piece has a smaller size because it was a silver coin and never was envisioned to be minted of a base metal. With the rate of inflation ascending, even the five cent piece would be a candidate for elimination in about 20 years.

Although Donna Pope, our U.S. Mint director, had literally nothing to do with the production or lack of circulation of the Susie B., she has been asked more questions concerning this coin than any other topic in her six year tenure. The most common question is "Why doesn't the mint just melt down the millions of SBAs housed in the vaults?" Her answer is "No one has come forth with a way to fix the books so we could melt them." A simple melt would mean a loss of almost 500 million dollars added to our already staggering deficit. These coins were entered in the books at their face value, not their production cost. So far not one brave politician has come forward to suggest we just write off the 500 million dollar loss.

Several schemes have been offered to plate the coins with a different color. The mint replies that only the elimination of the paper dollar would make any such idea feasible. The countries that have successfully introduced a dollar type coin, either already had, or had plans, to do away with their paper dollars.

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A LITTLE-KNOWN FACT ABOUT A WELL-KNOWN NOTE

Frank Clark
Carrollton, Texas

My little-known fact is not about an actual note, but is about an admission ticket for the Columbian exposition of 1893. Souvenir admission tickets were issued with one of the following vignettes on each ticket: an Indian chief, Columbus, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln (each of these can be found with and without an "A" overprint on the ticket), Benjamin Franklin and George F. Handel. The Benjamin Franklin ticket only has the "A" overprint variety, while the Handel ticket only appears in the *without "A"* overprint variety. The tickets were engraved by the American Bank Note Co. on bond paper to prevent counterfeiting. The dimensions are approximately 6 X 10 centimeters.

This is enough background on

these tickets. My little-known fact has to do with the backs of these tickets. All tickets have a common back with the words "Good For One Admission At Pay Gates," the printer's name and the date the paper was patented — March 3, 1891. However, my ticket has the "9" in 1891 inverted! I got the ticket from the collector who wrote the book on these items for the price of an ordinary ticket. Neither he nor I had seen another one and he did not list it in his book. I believe this was an oversight on his part and later he told me he wished that he had not sold it to me at all. I find this ticket to be a very exciting addition to my collection.

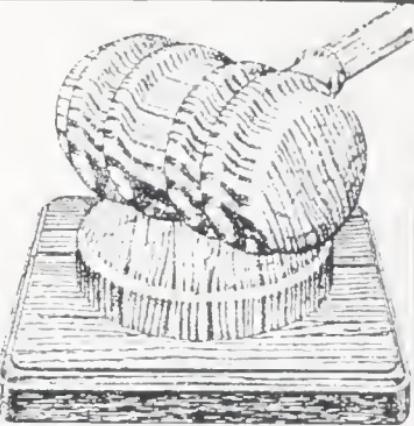
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TROY OUNCE

A Mexican coin struck by the Mexico City mint to circulate all over the world was the Troy Ounce of 41mm and issued in 1949. It was done so that all countries could carry out commercial transactions with a coin of the value of one ounce Troy with a certainty regarding its silver content and its fineness as guaranteed by the Mexico mint. A million pieces with a fineness of 0.925 and a gross weight of .33.625 grams were struck, each contained .31.035 grams or 480 grains of pure silver.

COIN HOBBY

Coin collecting used to be a hobby for the rich only, but today a wide range of people can share in the pleasure of owning and understanding samples of metal currency. To an average person, a coin is simply a disc-shaped piece of metal that has a different design on either side — heads and tails — and that buys things. To a collector, though, a coin is an example of the monetary system of a certain place and time, as influenced by politics, technology and the die engraver's art.

A COMPARISON — LINCOLN vs. KENNEDY

Larry Haegle
Fort Worth, Texas

There have been a lot of comparisons made between the presidents Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy. Let's look at some of them.

1. Both served in the 60's of their century.

2. Both were assassinated while serving in office.

3. Both were followed into office by a southern vice president, Andrew Johnson of Tennessee and Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas.

4. Lincoln's personal secretary was named Kennedy and Kennedy's personal secretary was named Lincoln.

5. Both were elected from northern states with southern vice presidents as running mates.

6. A lone gunman was charged in both assassinations and both were killed before coming to trial, John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey

Oswald.

7. Both assassins were college drop-outs from Texas. Booth went to Baylor in Waco and Oswald attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

8. Both were veterans of a war. Kennedy was a naval officer in the Pacific during World War II and Lincoln was an army officer in the Black Hawks War against the American Indian Fox tribe.

9. Both were born in southern states and ran for office from northern states.

10. Both served during a period when the country was at war, Lincoln during the Civil War and Kennedy during World War II.

11. Both ran on peace platforms and declared war once in office.

12. Both are represented on American coins in present circulation.

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Marvin A. (Buddie) Currie Jr., 67, of Crosby, died December 8. Services were held December 10 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Baytown with burial at Cedarcrest.

Mr. Currie was an active member of the Texas Numismatic Association, Inc. during the 1970s and served in various capacities including District 6 governor, first and second vice president. He had been active in District 6 coin clubs. Retired from the Exxon Company, he served on the Board of Directors at Ronald McDonald House.

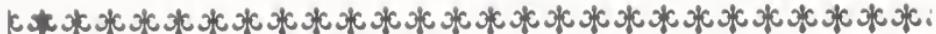
Survivors are his wife, Martha Currie; son, Marvin; daughter, Ruth Elizabeth Campbell; one sister, one brother, and several grandchildren.

Morris L. Johnson of Stephenville, past District 1 governor, is reminding all TNA member clubs to send in their entry for the Col. Raymond Darrah award to be given at the TNA convention in Houston.

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Congratulations, Heather! I am very pleased to announce our first entry in the TNA Bronze Medal Project. Our first TNA junior member to complete a Bronze Medal Project activity is Heather Grubb, who is a member of the Gateway Coin Club in San Antonio.

Heather, age 11, is a 6th grader at the Ed White Middle School. She is an honor roll student and is an active member of the school band. Her hobbies include collecting Lincoln cents, playing the piano, and participating in the Hermann Sons dance club. Heather has been collecting Lincoln cents for about a year. Her father, Vincent Grubb, has been actively involved in numismatics for many years.

Heather submitted an article entitled "The Lincoln Cent." Having completed activity number 8 she will be the first to receive two TNA bronze medals. In my December message I stated that, "you may find some other pleasant surprises coming your way along with your medals." Well, in addition, she will

receive a copy of the book "Let's Collect Coins," by Ken Bressett.

Doc Grover of Earl's Wholesale Coin & Stamp Supplies of Universal City donated this book. This excellent little book provides informative easy-to-read material for juniors as well as adults. Thanks, Doc. You always come through for our junior members.

TNA junior members, don't be left out. Start working to complete an activity and earn your medals and perhaps a surprise bonus gift. Don't wait. TNA wants juniors from all districts to participate. In my next message I want to list YOUR name; so, get started right now. I urge all clubs that have TNA junior members to please encourage them to participate.

Governors, get involved and help your juniors. They may need help with getting their exhibit to the TNA convention in April. It's "just around the corner."

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The coins were found beneath a monk's cell during excavation before the monastery is restored. Dair al Abiad, meaning White Monastery, was founded in the 4th century.

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5067 (D-6) M. D. Abbott, Box 35578, Houston, TX 77235. Chris Johns

5068 (D-2) E. L. Pitzer Jr., 5005 Devonian, Odessa, TX 79762. U.S. E. L. Pitzer Sr.

J-5069 (D-7) Miss Heather J. Grubbs, 5663 Castle Glade, San Antonio, TX 78218. Frank and Karla Galindo.

5070 (D-13) Ken Folger, Box 3182, Wichita Falls, TX 76309-0182. Type. Ray and Mary Jane Whyborn.

5071 (D-5) M. D. Norris, 839 Griffith Ave., Terrell, TX 75160. Walking Liberty Halves. Miriam Gilmore.

A-5072 (D-5) Mrs. Doris Norris, 839 Griffith Ave., Terrell, TX 75160. Proof Coins. Miriam Gilmore

5073 (D-9) Richard D. Burney, 2901 El Paso St., Snyder, TX 79549. U.S. Coins. Miriam Gilmore and Mike Greenspan.

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A-579 (D-7) Wally K. Gilmore — San Antonio, Texas.

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FEBRUARY 20-21

FT. WORTH MID-SEASON COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway. **WRITE:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76180.

FEBRUARY 26-28

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB, annual show, Rodeway Inn, Bassett Center, El Paso. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3535, El Paso 79923.

MARCH 5-6

HUNT COUNTY COIN CLUB, coin show, Greenville Community Center, US Hwy. 69 S. **WRITE:** Frank Ferguson, 4009 Wesley St., Greenville, 75401, 214 883-2091.

MARCH 18-20

HOUSTON INTERCONTINENTAL COIN SHOW, Sheraton Crown Hotel. **WRITE:** Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206.

MARCH 19-20

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Lubbock. **BOURSE:** Herman Jacobs, Box 3795, Lubbock 79452. Or call Ed Chauncey 806 792-2245.

MARCH 26-27

WACO COIN CLUB, annual show Waco Civic Center. **WRITE:** Jerry Kammer, Box 8773, Waco 76714.

APRIL 9-10

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB show, La Quinta Royale Hotel. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3194, Corpus Christi 78410.

APRIL 16-17

SEMI-ANNUAL COIN & STAMP SHOW, Rodeway Inn at Six Flags. **WRITE:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76180.

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TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, 30th convention, Adam's Mark Hotel, 2900 Briarpark Dr. at Westheimer, Houston. **HOST:** Greater Houston Coin Club **BOURSE:** Ray Aldrete, Box 1345, Houston 77251, 713 580-3206.

MAY 14-15

VICTORIA NUMISMATIC CLUB, annual show, Holiday Inn, Hwy 59. **BOURSE:** Graves Rouse, 403 First Victoria National Bank, Victoria 77901, 512 575-5621.

MAY 21-22

GATEWAY COIN CLUB, annual show, Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Highway, San Antonio. **WRITE:** Club, Box 12217, San Antonio 78212.

MAY 28-29

CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB, annual show, Austin Hilton, 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd., Austin. **WRITE:** Club, Box 9057, Austin, 78766-9057, 512 453-7530.

JUNE 4-5

GARLAND COIN CLUB, 24th annual coin show, Holiday Inn — Garland, 13700 LBJ Freeway & Centerville **BOURSE:** Tim Lee, Box 851181, Richardson 75085-1181.

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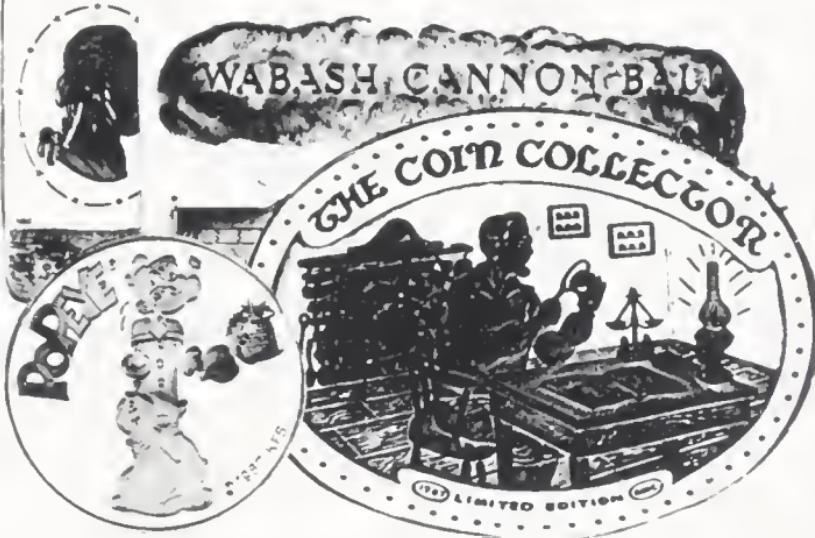
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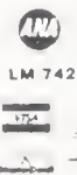
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Although the history books say that the flags of six different sovereign states have flown over Texas, the fact is that there have been seven. The six flags usually associated with the history of the Lone Star State are those of Spain, France, Mexico, Texas, The Confederacy and the USA. But there is also a seventh flag that usually is overlooked by the historians.

It was the green, red and white flag which once flew over Laredo when the border community was the capital of the short-lived Republic of the Rio Grande.

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Patterns, experimentals and trials are unusual pieces and are collected by many. A pattern coin is one having a design other than that in use. It is a proposed coinage. An experimental piece is one struck from the regular dies in an experimental metal or alloy. A trial piece is an impression from the regular dies in soft metal to try the die.

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District Meetings

PLEASE NOTE: If your club activities are not listed that means (1) The report was not received by the 1st of the month deadline or (2) The TNA Club representative, reporter or secretary did not send it to the TNA NEWS editor

DISTRICT I —

The annual Christmas banquet hosted by Fort Worth Coin Club was held at Diamond Oaks Country Club. Linda Wade, club hostess, was in charge of arrangements and decorations.

Elleta Havens, outgoing president, and Gary Stewart, the 1988 president, introduced the new slate of officers to the 75 members and guests attending. Elleta was honored with a past president's plaque.

Joe Wade, Gary Brown and Gary Stewart assisted during the games session and lucky winners received coins, numismatic items, jewelry and table decorations.

— Newsletter.

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The Golden Corral Steak House was gaily decorated for the Christmas party attended by 20 members and guests of Stephenville Coin Club. "White Elephant" gifts were exchanged.

It was announced that there would be only one meeting in December.

— Lorene Randals, Sec.

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DISTRICT IV —

After a traditional holiday dinner, officers for 1988 were installed to serve Capital City Coin Club of Austin. Installed as president was W. T. Ward; Joe Fryou, vice president; and Louis Janosek, secretary-treasurer. Steve Liarakos was named program chairman and Richard Mowrey, show bourse chairman. Outgoing officers were honored with gifts from the club.



Dr. Robert Greenwood
Governor

Cleo Barnette won the grand prize of an all-expense-paid weekend during the upcoming coin show in May 1988. The prize was donated by the Austin Airport Hilton. Other prizes were won by Ward and Moton Crockett III. Ken Farmer led the group in singing Christmas carols.

The dinner-meeting was held at Best Western Hotel South with 39 present.

— Louis F. Janosek, Sec.

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Austin Texas Coin Club has announced officers for 1988 and include Kermit Nygard, president; Robert E. Greenwood, vice president; Lyman Bartee, secretary-treasurer. Curator is Moton Crockett III; directors, Fred Barkley and Stanley Mervin; and immediate past president, Ray Kirkpatrick.

The new officers were elected at the dinner meeting held at Quality Inn South with 39 in attendance.

— Robert E. Greenwood, Gov.

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DISTRICT V —

Ben Hong gave a talk on miscellaneous items, and minor experiences he had in numismatics, at the Dallas Coin Club meeting. Ben started out by collecting small denominations coins of the U.S. from circulated rolls. When he moved to Australia he began to collect pennies and halfpennies and since few others were collecting, he was able to find many scarce coins. In his collection, Ben has Trade dollars, Indian trade beads, shells, copper items and tokens, plus postage stamps.

The Dallas group met at Jericos for the annual dinner meeting. Members donated an auction item and proceeds were given to the American Diabetes Foundation. Guest speaker was Kimberly Hill from the Foundation.

— Tom Ragsdale, Sec.

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DISTRICT VI —

Greater Houston Coin Club's Christmas party was held at the regular meeting place, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, with members providing "goodies" for the refreshment table. Nela Runkle was chairman of the refreshment committee. It was announced that there would be no business conducted during December but would resume in January.



Chris Johns
Governor



Paul Garner
Governor

DISTRICT VII —

Program plans for January meetings were announced by Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio. Karla Galindo was to present a program on National Recovery Act econumia. NRA, one of Roosevelt's programs geared to help the country get out of the depression, was short-lived. It was instituted in 1933 but was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court one year later.



Frank Galindo
Governor

On January 21, Tom Davila from the U.S. Postal Service, was to be guest speaker, discussing cachets — how they are authorized, produced and so forth.

The club received the paper work on incorporation and was to be filed with the State of Texas. Members

are indebted to Joe Olson, Waco attorney, for his assistance. Joe is also legal counsel for the TNA.

Activities in December was highlighted by a Christmas party hosted by Frank and Karla Galindo. Programs provided at the meetings were given by Freeman L. Craig on U.S. and Canadian Replacement Currency (Star Notes), and Robin Ellis on School Attendance Medals from Great Britain.

— Gatepost.

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DISTRICT VIII -

Members of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** celebrated the holiday with a dinner meeting at Nolan's Surrey and Sirloin and each brought an exchange gift. Planned for January was an auction conducted by Johnny Smolik.

The club meets now in the La Retama Room at Corpus Christi Central Library.

— Newsletter.

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Robert Arredondo is the newest member of **Kingsville Coin Club**. Robert, who works at Bonanza Steak House, where the club meets occasionally, had shown interest in coin collecting and was made an honorary member. At the November 24 meeting, there were 13 members and six guests, among them Joe and Ouida Davis of Corpus Christi. An auction was held



Joe Davis
Governor



E. L. Pitzer
Governor

DISTRICT IX —

The **South Plains Coin Club** Christmas party was held at the 50-Yard Line Restaurant in Lubbock at which time an auction of donated items was held with proceeds going to "Meals on Wheels."

TNA Certificates of Appreciation were presented to members who had given programs during the year and LeRoy Baker was the recipient of the "Member of the Year" award.

The new officers were installed before the meeting adjourned.

— E. L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.

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DISTRICT XIII -

Mary Jane Whyborn, Judy Wheeler and Dick Norton furnished the refreshments for Seymour Coin Club's annual Christmas party held in the Blue Flame Room of the Lone Star Gas Co. Gene

Wheeler gave a short program on gold and silver investments.

All club members signed a get-well card for Reggie Hofmaier of Burk Burnett who recently underwent major surgery.

— Raymond E. Whyborn,
Gov. Dist. 13.

Raymond E. Whyborn
Governor



A card was signed and sent to Mrs. Embry, longtime club member, who was reported to have experienced a light stroke.

Twenty-two attended the meeting, at which time a 42-lot auction of coins and stamps was conducted by Bill Howard.

— Raymond E. Whyborn,
Gov. Dist. 13.

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Election of officers to serve Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club was held at the December meeting with Tom Curran selected as president; Ben Hicks, vice president; Pauline Copelin, secretary; and Jan Blankenship, treasurer.

Logan and Virginia Essex were voted life members in return for their many years of faithful service to the club. A card of condolence was sent to TNA NEWS Editor Miriam Gilmore expressing the club's sympathy on the loss of her husband, Wally.

A 12-lot auction was conducted by Logan Essex.

— Raymond E. Whyborn,
Gov. Dist. 13.

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DISTRICT XV —

Twenty-eight attended the recent meeting of Beaumont Coin Club when the members of Port Arthur, Orange and Silsbee Coin Clubs joined in for the annual auction.

John Brown circulated ballots for members to vote

Dewey L. Scott
Governor



on the candidate most deserving of the C. L. Babcock award. The candidates are Jack Provost, Bill Stein and Jerry Williams. The recipient was to be announced at the Christmas party planned for December 17 at J & J Steak House.

— Kaye Brown, Sec.

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DISTRICT XVII —

Tommy Vick prepared venison chili and club members' wives provided goodies for the annual Christmas party celebrated by Waco Coin Club. Special guest was Frank Harknett, a native of England, who has resided in the U.S. for three years. Gerry Kammer gave the invocation.

No program was planned other than a gift exchange. Weldon Wilkerson displayed and discussed his collection of knives.

— J. P. Jones, Reporter.

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OKIE AWARD

Word has been received that Bob Bills of San Saba was awarded the Okie Award for 1987 given annually by the Oklahoma Numismatic Association.

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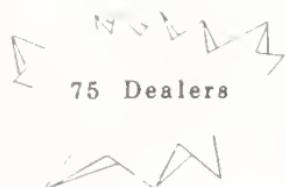
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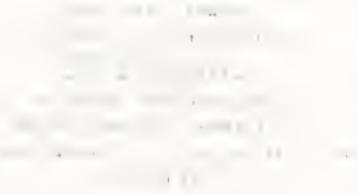
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